

HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone! Our next meeting will take place by Google Meet on Saturday, January 23 at 2:00 P.M. Join via the following link meeting code (valid beginning at 1:30 p.m. for those who wish to check in and socialize before Official Proceedings begin...)

<https://meet.google.com/mrh-toru-fxq>

Despite its drawbacks, meeting remotely does offer some benefits, especially at this time of year, obviating as it does winter weather travel concerns (our most recent attempt at a January meeting was contravened by a severe snowstorm). While the society's many dedicated members will imperil their own safety travelling vast distances in inclement weather to attend each meeting, frigid temperatures does make bringing plants to show at brumal events a risky proposition—unfortunate, as there are many bromeliads that come into bloom in the depth of winter...

“Beautiful Bromeliads in Winter”

...And so, our program for the January meeting will highlight some of these lesser known beauties, which rarely get attention at our fall show; while not in bloom, the layman can scarcely appreciate the potential beauty that will profuse from these otherwise modest plants. If you have plants in bloom—put them on camera! (If the live plants demur being gawked at live during the meeting, photos of other winter blooming plants to share will be wonderful to see as well.)

The February meeting—also by Google Meet—will convene Saturday, February 20 at 2:00 P.M. Join via this link:

<https://meet.google.com/mcu-krip-wnw>

Again, the link will become available beginning at 1:30. The feature presentation, *“Growing Bromeliads Under Lights,”* will involve a discussion on technological developments surrounding artificial lighting (vis-à-vis photosynthesis). Northern growers, having to compensate for longer, darker winters, now have many more options than even a few years ago; we'll compare many of these, and strive to determine empirically which solutions best serve our needs as growers.



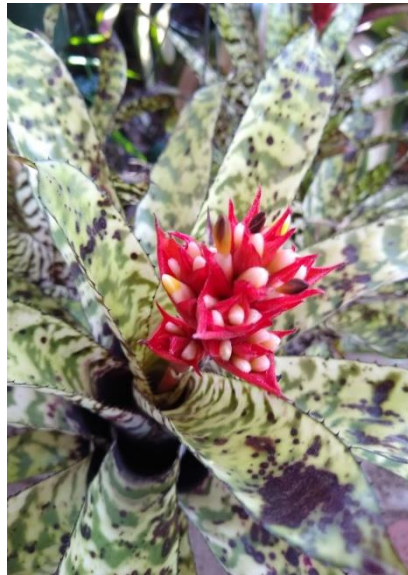
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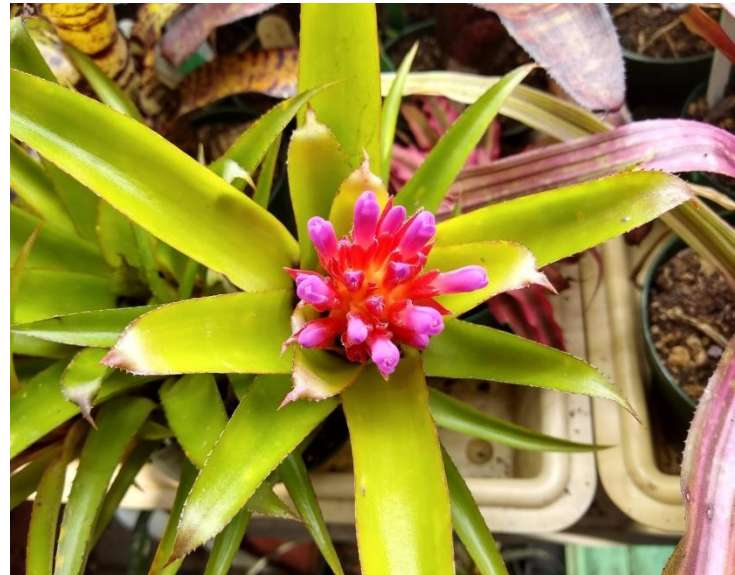
Aechmea 'Lucky Stripes'

SEEN: 11-24-2020



Aechmea orlandiana PW hybrid

SEEN: 11-16-2020



Aechmea 'Red Dragon'

SEEN: 11-16-2020



Neoregelia 'Cat's Meow'

SEEN: 12-24-2020



Deuterocohnia lorentziana

SEEN: 12-28-2020



Wallisia cyanea v. *variegata*

SEEN: 11-17-2020

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